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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 5548th meeting, held in private on 9 October 2006, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Afghanistan'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Finland, Germany, Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Tom Koenigs, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan; and Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Koenigs, Mr. Costa and the representatives of Afghanistan and Pakistan had an exchange of views."

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